

SATURDAY, July 23d, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

All the members present except the following :

Messrs. Baker, Barron, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Davis, of Charles, Dellinger, Dennis, Gale, Galloway, Harwood, Hatch, Henkle, Hodson, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Lansdale, Larsh, Mace, Marbury, Mayhugh, Noble, Peter, Purnell, Robinette, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Thomas, Thruston, Turner—43.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on the Legislative Department,

Was taken up.

Mr. Russell gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment :

"The General Assembly shall pass laws providing that the rites of marriage between any persons legally competent to contract marriage may be celebrated by any Minister of any religious denomination, by any Mayor of a city, by any Justice of the Peace, or in such manner as is usually practised by the society of people called Quakers ; and providing for the registration of all marriages, however solemnized in this State."

Mr. Chambers submitted the following amendment :

Add to end of section 19, the words "and the General Assembly shall pass no special law for any case for which provision has been made by an existing general law ;"

Decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hebb submitted the following amendment :

Add to end of section 9th, as amended, the words "The General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall pass general laws providing for the